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In re Appln. of: Gary Como et al.

Serial No.: 09/710,154

Filed: November 9, 2000

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BUSINESS  
PLANNING VIA A COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK

Examiner: L. Zhen

Art Unit: 2126

Attorney Docket No: 10022/18

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- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in Duplicate); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; 1 Cited Reference and Check for \$180.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following reference for consideration by the Examiner. In particular the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) have been satisfied as shown by the attached certification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the concurrent filing of a check for the amount of \$180 to cover the Rule 97(d) fee set forth under Rule

1.17(p). A copy of the reference has been enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

**I. DISCLOSURE**

**A. Foreign Patents**

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
WO 00/29999	WIPO	05/25/00

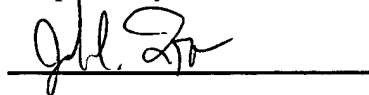
**II. DISCUSSION**

The WO 00/29999 reference was cited in an Office Action regarding a corresponding Canadian patent application.

**III. CONCLUSION**

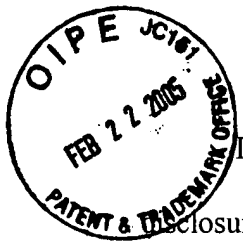
It is not believed that this reference, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above reference is in no way an admission that it qualifies as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have this reference available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of the reference and make the above-listed reference of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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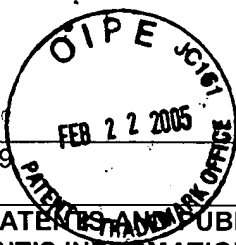
**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)**

I, John C. Freeman, certify that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement attached hereto was first cited in an Office Action from the Canadian Patent Office regarding Canadian Patent Application No. 2,428,209, which is a counterpart foreign patent application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/710,154. The Canadian Office Action was mailed not more than three months prior to the filing of the attached information disclosure statement.

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	WO 00/29999	05/25/00	WIPO		No

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>

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